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\$35,000 FIRE AT ST. THOMAS

The interior of St. Thomas church is gutted and charred, and presents a picture of desolation, as contractors are surveying the ruins left by last Sunday's fire, and estimating the costs of rebuilding. The interior of the building is completely charred, and the floor of the church is extensively damaged, by water. A bulge can be seen on the roof, right hand side, as one views the church from the street, but the roof itself seems to be intact.

Mrs. Margaret Dacey, housekeeper at St. Thomas rectory discovered the fire, about 2:30 p.m., Sunday, and spread the alarm. The Rev. John J. Regan, curate of the church immediately tried to save the Blessed Sacrament, but was driven back by the smoke. Heroically he tried again, and this time was stopped by Fire Chief Arthur J. Boudreau, who had arrived on the scene with the vanguard of the

Wilmington Fire Department. Father Regan, lungs filled with smoke, had to be treated by Dr. Fagan, but not until he had made several more attempts.

The Sacrament was saved by Boudreau, and Fireman William Nee. They entered the front door, and crept on their hands and knees toward the altar, but were driven back by smoke. Trying again, by the side door, they reached the altar, and found the tabernacle to be locked. Hot from the flames, they burned their hands as they touched the tabernacle, but Nee took of his raincoat, and together they carried the raincoat wrapped tabernacle from the church. The Blessed Sacrament is safe, and the tabernacle, made of metal is intact, but discolored by smoke.

The curate, Father Regan, in a

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MIDWEEK RETREAT ENJOYS FATHER SHEA

The members and friends of the Methodist Church enjoyed an evening of inspiration and fellowship with Rev. Albert Shea at their mid-week retreat last Wed. evening.

Sitting around the fireplace in the fireside room Father Shea explained the meaning of the Mass, the Catholic beliefs of heaven, purgatory and hell. At the close of the discussion which was filled with many questions from the group he spoke on the memory of the confessional.

The meeting adjourned about 11 p.m. after 3 hours, and Father Shea upon Rev. Harding's request sat at the piano, and played many familiar songs which the group joined in on by singing.

Rev. Harding had this to say: "We appreciated the straightforward but kind presentation of the beliefs of the Catholic. We were made to think. We may not see eye to eye on everything but we all have a greater love and appreciation of Father Shea."

MADALINE EMERY ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Talbot Emery of Lake street announce the engagement of their daughter, Madaline Francis to Roy C. Syvertson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Syvertson of Morse avenue.

Miss Emery, a graduate of Wilmington High School and of the Florence Utt Receptionist school, is employed by a Boston insurance firm. Mr. Syvertson attended Wilmington High School and Franklin Technical Institute. He is employed by the Morton Oil Company of Malden and is attending the Lowell Technical Institute evenings.

No date has been set for the wedding.

DAV AUXILIARY WHIST SATURDAY

The Auxiliary of the William F. Tattersall Chapter, Disabled American Veterans will have a whist party at the clubhouse, 60 Grove avenue, Saturday at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

READY FOR ENLARGED DRIVE

"Wilmington Methodists and their friends will participate in one of the biggest and greatest events in the local Church history next Monday evening," Minot Anderson, chairman of the Building Fund Raising Committee, announced today. The Fellowship Supper will launch our Program of Progress week, Mr. Anderson added, and in order to accommodate all, the supper will be held in the Wilmington High School Cafeteria.

Mrs. Paul Todd, Chairman of the Supper Committee, announced that it will be a delicious ham supper put on by the Lantern Club of South Tewksbury. The cost of the supper will be 75c per person, but Mrs. Todd assures everyone it will be worth much more than that.

Mrs. Wilbur Staveley, Chairman of the Music Committee, has announced as a special treat, that Mr. Edward Spradling, one of the Seminary Singers at Boston University

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(POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT)

Town of Wilmington
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Older residents of this town know that as a member of your school board for the last twelve years; I have helped your school system grow. Our forward progress has been remarkably good. I have voted for the best teachers, better schools, safe adequate bus service, hot lunch programs in all schools, and improvements in all playgrounds and schools, with better heating units and better lighting facilities for our children's health and welfare.

Many of the new residents of our town are showing admirable interest in our schools. They realize that the present crowded conditions, due to our sudden growth, are being alleviated as rapidly as we can build new schools. The next three years are vital in our school program.

For the past twelve years I have helped build a progressive school system. I sincerely request your vote, in order that I may see the completion of many of my ideals for Wilmington's school children.

Finally, I wish to thank all Wilmington voters for their support in the past and to request your support on March 6, 1954. I very humbly urge all to vote.

Sincerely,

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TRAGEDY OR BLESSING?

Worshippers at St. Thomas church must feel quite disheartened at the event of last Sunday afternoon. To have a church gutted by fire, after everyone in the parish has worked so long and so hard to pay for the building is a very discouraging event, and our sympathy goes to the people of St. Thomas.

There is however, some good chance that this is a blessing in disguise. The first thing that happened, after the news of the fire became known, was an offer from one of the other churches in Wilmington. The minister of this church called Father Shea, and offered the use of his church, for as long a period as was desired.

Such an offer was in accord with the teachings of He who is worshipped in all the churches of Wilmington. Such an offer, too, shows the understanding and good will that exists in our town, among our clergy. Our residents have never had a greater respect and mutual toleration for the beliefs of others than has been exhibited during the past few years, and it is because of our fine clergymen that this is so.

Notable too, was the reaction of the men and women of Wilmington. After the fire, a group of men gathered to clean up as much as possible, and to help transfer the church to the old building. In this group there was no distinction as to religion. Catholic, Protestant and Jew worked side by side, and ladies of these religions were just as active. Not only was there assistance in transferring to the old church, but then the men started cleaning the building, making it a suitable place of worship. No one had to tell these people to do this thing. It was a work of love and faith.

Out of the ashes of the past we have arrived at a better understanding of our fellow man, and from the past we will have a finer place of worship, for our friends of St. Thomas. They will rebuild, and they will not be alone when they do so.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Wilmington students, through the aegis of Harland Whittredge, guidance director of the Wilmington high school, have available a large list of schools and colleges which offer scholarships to accredited pupils. Parents of the children should be aware of this, and take advantage of these offers. We have, from time to time printed stories about these scholarships, and we shall continue to do so. The real source of information, however, is Mr. Whittredge, and it is that gentleman who should be consulted by Wilmington parents.

Meanwhile, let us draw attention to a scholarship in which Wilmington girls have a special offer. Miss Sabra D. Carter, in, we believe, 1911 set up a full scholarship at Northfield School for Girls, a preparatory school. Under the provisions of her will this scholarship is open to all girls, throughout the United States, but Wilmington girls are to be given primary consideration.

The award to the girl who gets this scholarship covers full school charges, including tuition, board, room and enrollment fee amounting to approximately \$700 a year.

An opening exists, in next September's class, but application will have to be made promptly, to get consideration. Applications must be sent to the Office of Admissions, Northfield School for Girls, Northfield, Mass., not later than the end of March. Mr. Whittredge can undoubtedly furnish more information to interested persons.

The school is one of high school level, so that girls now in the eighth grade should be primarily interested. We hope that some girl from Wilmington will be able to avail herself of this, next September.

TAXES AND MONEY

In some ways our Finance Committee must have their moments, as they meet to consider the appropriations and bills of the town. They meet behind closed doors, true, so that the average citizen has no knowledge of what happens. But every now and then some little item leaks out, from under the door in a manner of speaking, items that whet our appetite for more news of what is happening.

One of these leaks concerns a bill which was presented last week. It was for about \$3,000, as we understand it, and was for work on the boiler of the junior high school. The work was done last summer, and the bill was not presented until very recently.

Some of the members of the committee were quite upset about this, as we are told. This was not the first bill to be presented to them, for they had recently had another for about \$800 covering repairs to the Mildred Rogers School, effected last summer. Both of these bills were delayed in presentation until 1954.

The first reaction was to enquire as to whether or not the Town Accountant was responsible, but that gentleman was soon cleared of any blame. He could prove that he had no knowledge of the bills until very recently.

After this, the members of the Committee began to enquire as to who did delay these bills. We do not know what they have decided, but according to all reports the events were quite interesting.

Meanwhile, we will have to remember that these bills, if paid, will come out of our 1954 tax rate, already mounting high over that of 1953.

ELECTIONS AND OTHER THOUGHTS

Saturday, in the high school, everyone will be voting for their choice of candidates, for town office, and a week from Saturday, in the J. W. Green building, the inhabitants of the town will assemble in town meeting. Very important, yes, but these are still only man made events. The third Saturday, March 20th, will be an entirely different day—for it will be the first day of spring. Personally, we would rather vote for that event.

This will be the first time in the history of the town that we vote on a Saturday, and that the annual Town Meeting occurs on a Saturday, insofar as this paper knows. It will be, in some ways, a radical change from the past.

We have heard complaints, from townspeople, about this. Somehow, they didn't realize that we voted this last year. Somehow, even though they were present, they did not realize that they were voting for a Saturday, and now they want their old Monday night town meeting back. Perhaps there are not too many people who feel this way, we do not know, but there are a few.

It is going to be difficult, in one sense of the word, for meeting on a Saturday will throw out all previous experience, by which

to gauge the actions of the town. Once upon a time the people who followed the elections could estimate fairly accurately the outcome, by watching the voters. Can they do so now, with perhaps a different type of voter coming to the polls? We do not profess to know the answer, but it will be interesting to observe.

Meeting during daylight, too, will be an interesting experience. We can recall, in previous years, disgusted citizens stalking out of the meeting about 11 p.m., saying, "I have to go to work in the morning." Perhaps this year the story will be, "I have to rake the lawn!"

It will be most interesting.

SCANDAL MONGERING

We pause to note a scandalous rumor, which a few persons have been passing around. It is with reluctance that we do this, for we do not wish to dignify the dirty tale, but it is best to stop this type of talk, before it goes further.

The rumor is that there was a deal between the chairman of the Water Commissioners, Mr. Harold Melzar, and the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Herbert Barrows, about the land which Mr. Barrows owns, and which is scheduled to become the new well field, if so voted by the town meeting.

These scandal mongers would have the public believe that Barrows approved of the \$10,000 hydrant rental article, in return for Melzar's approval of an outrageous price for the land!

Let's look at the record, as the old Happy Warrior, Al Smith used to say.

Barrows owns the land which our Town Manager believed to be a suitable site for a well field. Our TM had explored many other places in town, and found these places to be unsatisfactory.

Cushing sent a crew of men down to Barrow's property, unbeknown to Barrows. Wells were drilled, and tested. The water was tested several times, by officials from the State Department of Public Health. Finally, some months later, Mr. Barrows happened to see one of the trucks one day, and this was the first he knew that he had trespassers on his land.

Barrows never asked anyone to buy the land. The Town Manager did not get around to make an offer to Barrows until quite recently, and the fact that Barrows is willing to sell stems directly from his sense of civic responsibility, rather than his desire to make money. He has had opportunities in the past to sell this land, to real estate speculators and others, and has always refused. Now he is willing to sell, because it is perhaps the best site in Wilmington on which to have a well field, for the common good. Because he is willing to sell there are people who are willing to stab him in the back! How low can one get?

Melzar does not know the proposed price of the land, which proposal was made by Cushing. Melzar and Barrows have never talked about it. This the Crusader knows to be a fact.

If Barrows approved of the hydrant rental article, it was purely because there was merit in the article, something which we have said many times. There has never been any "deal". We know and we hope that we will never hear such a scandalous statement again.

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The Board of Selectmen met, Monday night, at the town hall, in what is probably the last meeting of the present board, before elections Saturday.

Roads Laid Out

A long time was spent by the Selectmen, in discussing and "laying out" roads, in preparation for the town meeting. According to law, the voters cannot accept any street until after the Selectmen have "laid out" the street, which means approving of the plans which have been prepared. After this they have to vote to accept the streets, which can then be followed by a similar vote on the part of the town.

In their meeting last week the Selectmen had stated that they would not "lay out" any street for which releases had not been received, from 100% of the home owners of the street. These releases are forms that absolve the town for responsibility for damages, as a result of the street being accepted, and have been the center of some controversy for the last several years.

Releases had been received from Suncrest avenue, Cottage Street, Pinewood Road, Phillips avenue, North street, Silver Lake road, Powder road, and Rollins road (Formerly known as Park road).

Releases had not been received from Warren & Wightman roads, Broad street, Dobson street, and Virginia road, but discussion disclosed that Virginia road is the one which is better known as Old Andover road, adjacent to North Reading, and that releases had been received, previously. The error centered around reports that had been given to the Highway superintendent, according to acting Town Manager Frank Walters, and the selectmen decided that because of these errors the correct name was Old Andover road. This street was included in the "laying out".

Lawler was perturbed because the instructions of the Selectmen had not been carried out. The selectmen had voted to have the releases delivered by mail, and instead they had been delivered by the Highway Superintendent. Lawler pointed out that mail delivery would be easier, and more certain proof, and that the Highway Superintendent should be working on the highways instead of being a messenger boy.

Walters said that because of the delay in the program it had been necessary to make some personal deliveries. He later reported that no deliveries had been made on Broad street, because the Highway Superintendent was of the impression that the Finance Committee would not approve of money for this street. This brought several caustic

remarks from the board of Selectmen, in that they were the ones who were to make these decisions, and Lyons started a movement which resulted in the Town Manager being instructed to make deliveries to the three homes on Broad street, personally, Tuesday.

The selectmen decided to lay out the streets for which releases had been received, and to provisionally lay out the others, pending return of releases by Thursday. Lawler pointed out that it was the selectmen's obligation to see that there were releases for every street, or it could not be accepted. Those streets which were laid out provisionally were Warren & Wightman roads, Dobson street, Broad street and Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. Drew expressed her thoughts on Strout avenue, which is in such a condition that it could not be listed for acceptance. She said that there were a number of nice homes there, and that she was sorry that the developer hadn't done what he was supposed to do. "Why?" she asked.

Black pointed out that there were two dead ends on this street, which

could have been extended to meet streets only a short distance away. Houses were across the street now, he said, and he didn't think the development had been so very "smart".

Mrs. Drew: "It was stupid. I don't care who was on the Planning Board --- they shouldn't have allowed it - those streets should have met!"

Black: "It doesn't seem quite fair to the owners of those 15 - 18 houses - they shouldn't be penalized -- it's not their fault -- it is the developer who should be penalized!"

Conversation reverted to other streets, in a bad condition and Lawler observed "Cheer up - there are still plenty of muddy roads in (continued on Page 15)

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achusetts Heart Association, informed Heart Fund Chairman Joseph J. Sotile as the Heart Fund prepared to close its annual month-long Campaign. These two sums bring the total expended for research in Massachusetts during the fiscal year 1953-54 to \$188,098.35.

"Massachusetts outranked all other states in the nation in both the number of awards for continued heart research and for the amount awarded, and ranked third throughout the country in the number of awards," Chairman Sotile said.

"Funds allocated to research

by the American Heart Association represent a portion of the amount collected in Massachusetts during the Heart Fund Campaign." Chairman Sotile continued. "While 75% of the money collected is kept within the state, 25% of the total is sent to the American Heart Association from which portion these national grants were made." The awards were made to the following institutions and investigators:

Continued Grants Awards

Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. Dr. Albert Szent Gyorgyi \$10,000

New England Center Hospital, Boston, Dr. Mario Stefanini \$5,250.

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Dr. Monroe J. Schlesinger \$4,200

Council on Rheumatic Fever and Heart Disease, Dr. David D. Rutstein. 3,750.

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Dr. Louis Tobian, Jr. \$4,200

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Dr. George W. Thorn \$4,200.

New Grants Awards

Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, Dr. David G. Cogan. 4,725

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Dr. Otto Krayner. 7,875.

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Dr. S. Morris Kupchan. 4,181.10.

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Dr. Alexander Leaf. 4,961.25.

Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Dr. John P. Merrill \$5,250.

Research Grants made by Massachusetts Heart Association

New England Center Hospital, Dr. Benjamin Etsten. \$3,300.

Harvard University, Department of Chemistry, Dr. S. Morris Kupchan. \$3,300

Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, Dr. William E. Huckabee, \$5,060.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS STARTS IN EARNEST ON TUESDAY MORNING

"Our Program of Progress gets underway in real earnest next Tuesday morning, March 9, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Harding announced. We are building for eternity and we must do our best. May each of us help our Church to make a difference to ourselves, our community, and our nation. What will you do?"

Mrs. Charles Black, Chairman of Transportation, has announced that she has cars and drivers all set to start work Tuesday morning. A personal call will be made on every member and friend of the Wilmington Methodist Church by a member of Chase Associates to accept pledges to the Program of Progress. The goal of this campaign has been set at \$40,000 to \$50,000 over a three year period.

Luncheons and suppers for the canvassers will be provided by the circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mr. Chase estimates that the entire job of canvassing will be completed on or before Saturday.

A tremendous sign designating the location of the proposed site of the addition to the Church building has been erected by the chairman of the Committee. It tells the whole story in a simple verse of scripture, "Let us rise up and build."

Malcolm Butler, Chairman of the Publicity Committee, has announced that the work of that committee has been ably handled under the

leadership of Rev. Harding and Mrs. James Madden.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TO BE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

for Program of Progress

The members and friends of the Wilmington Methodist Church will share in a service of preparation for sacrificial giving and spiritual growth on the first Sunday in Lent. At the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services the sacrament of Holy Communion will be received. A Communion meditation "A Living Monument" will be given by the pastor, the Rev. Richard E. Harding.

ORIGIN OF PAPERMAKING

With paper as a writing medium for characters with brushes, the Chinese used their genius to recording texts and scriptures by printing. At first Buddhist priests sold sael charms to pilgrims. These seals had engraved designs in stone and when ink was dabbed on them impressions were taken either black on white or vice versa, depending on form of engraving. Of necessity, the blocks of stone were small because a good impression was impossible on large areas by hand pressure. The paper had to be dampened to make it pliable for a good impression. It was placed on the engraved stone and rubbed into the depressions, then the sheet was removed from the stone and covered with ink by brushes and pads. A white impression of characters was obtained in a black background (like a reverse engraving of today).

Towards the end of the 6th century, about 593, characters were

cut into wood blocks, although it is believed that wood-block printing took place earlier. Emperor Wen Ti ordered scriptures and illustrations cut in wood. In wood-block printing the characters are cut and reversed in relief. The paper was laid on the inked block and an impression was taken by rubbing the back. The ink, another Chinese development, about 400 A. D., was known in the English speaking world as "India" ink and by the French and Germans by its more appropriate name of Chinese ink. The pigment was lampblack gathered by burning certain oils and the vehicle was made from water soluble gums. After this ink dried it was permanent, which made it excellent for wood-block printing, as wood absorbed the moisture and left a hard impression on the paper, — practically indestructible. Wood-block printing gave way to cast metal characters in the 12th century.



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

The Wilmington Finance Committee will hold a public Hearing on the several Articles contained in the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, on Thursday Evening, March 4 at 8:30 o'clock at the High School Cafeteria.

Herbert C. Barrows Chairman.

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I am a candidate because I feel that there has not been enough attention paid to the local problems of this town, and because I am dissatisfied with certain policies of the last three years. I have in the last two years regularly attended all the Selectmen's meetings, and have had an ample opportunity to form my independent conclusions.

I pledge that if elected I will be a selectman who will consider carefully the local problems, and will always work for the interest of all the people.

Readers of The Wilmington Crusader need no reminder of my constant efforts to present impartially and fairly the issues in the government of this town. I feel that the average man is important, and that he is entitled to a full knowledge and participation of his government.

There are those who say that Larz Neilson is out to destroy the Town Manager type of government, in Wilmington. These people have a lively sense of imagination, but they know not whereof they speak.

The business of running a town like Wilmington, today, is nothing that should be attempted by part time men. Only with a full time man, on the job every day, can we hope to achieve the maximum efficiency. I have no desire to destroy the town manager form of government. I do feel, however, that the Board of Selectmen can assist more than they have in the past, in making our town a better place in which to live.

Any person that says that I seek to destroy the town manager form of government is completely unaware of the facts. The General Laws of Massachusetts provide that the only way to change the form of government in this town is by secret ballot, after 10% of the voters have requested such a vote. I will never spearhead any such movement, and if one should ever rise, it will not be as a result of any effort on my part.

As a lifelong citizen of Wilmington, and as a man who knows the town better than almost any other person, I feel that I can serve the town as well, if not better, than any other resident. I know the problems, and I know some of the answers. In the past I have always spoken out, and said what I have had to say. I shall continue to do this in the future.

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\$35,000 FIRE AT ST. THOMAS

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near state of collapse, and two firemen, Nee and Robert Woods, were treated by Dr. Gerald A. Fagan, who had been blazed in his efforts to save the Host managed to grope his way into the sacristy where he grabbed the church vestments and sacred vessels and fled.

The fire apparently started near the altar, for it was centered at this point. Nearly everything in church, including the various statues, were ruined by the heat and smoke. The fire department fought the blaze until about 6:30 p.m., when Bureau dismissed most of the equipment. A charge pressure line was left in the church, and manned until midnight, to present a recurrence of the blaze. Cause of the fire has not been determined, as of yet, and damages have been unofficially estimated at \$35,000.

Father Shea's Long Ride

The Rev. Albert J. Shea, pastor of St. Thomas was attending a meeting of the National Council of Catholic Men and Women, at the Hotel Sheraton, in Boston. He heard of the fire from the Archbishop, Richard J. Cushing. Cushing was about to speak, and prefaced his talk with the announcement.

"I understand that the Rev. Albert Shea, of St. Thomas church, in Wilmington is here. I regret to tell him that his church is on fire. He had better hurry home."

Father Shea, the hero priest of the Coconut Grove fire in Boston, a decade ago, has described the ride home as "the longest ride I ever made". He was not worried about the church, he has related, but the thought that someone might be injured was uppermost in his mind. His trip home was a continual prayer that no one be hurt.

Minister Offers Church

The Rev. Stanley Cummings, pastor of the Congregational Church was one of the first to talk to Father Shea, after he had returned. By telephone Mr. Cummings offered the use of his church until such time as St. Thomas was rebuilt.

Reading sends Help

Chief Hugh Eames, of the Reading Wilmington department was engaged, at the same time, in fighting a fire on Aldrich road, near the Amaro home, in which about 3 acres of grassland was burned. Reading sent a truck to cover the Wilmington fire station.

Eames also sent 3 Scott air masks, and extra tanks, to supplement the two with which the Wilmington department is equipped. Due to the heavy smoke, the Wilmington department had found itself severely hampered in its efforts, and the two masks were inadequate. Only two men were able to enter the building at one time, and when the tanks were exhausted those two masks were of no use, until spare tanks had arrived. Reading also sent a number of bags of material designed to soak up moisture, on floors, so that the Wilmington department was able to have a better footing on the church floor, as they fought the blaze.

Chief Eames praised the Wilmington department, because they were able to keep the fire from spreading to the roof. He stated that this was one of the very few church fires that he had seen, in which the blaze was confined, and in which the roof did not burn, and he gave all credit for this to the Wilmington men.

Transfer to the Old Church

Immediately after the fire was out, men of the Holy Name Society, assisted by friends, began to renovate the old church, and make it suitable for a center of worship. Men worked late Sunday night, transferring chairs, and other furniture, and cleaning the old church, which will be used until the new church has been repaired. The altar which stood in St. Thomas Rectory will be used in the old church, for services there, and the regular schedules of worship will continue, Father Shea has stated.

LEONA PORTER BECOMES NURSE

Miss Leona Porter, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Henry J. Porter was capped at ceremonies held in the chapel of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Monday evening. The Very Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, presided.

Miss Porter is a graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1952, and attended Lowell Teachers' College one year prior to taking up nursing.

READY FOR ENLARGED DRIVE

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School of Theology, will be the guest soloist.

The evening's program will be highlighted by good methodist fellowship and the inspirational leadership of the pastor. Rev. Harding has stated that it will be a tremendous thrill for him to have so many members of the local Methodist family breaking bread together, and he urges all to attend.

A special program has been planned for the children. Mrs. Todd added, and they will be well cared for at the Church. She urged, however, that they be fed at home as we were unable to undertake two suppers on the same evening. The evening's program should be over before 9:00 p.m. so the children will not be kept up late.

Mr. Anderson assures all that there will be no solicitation of funds or pledges at the Fellowship Supper, so, he added, no Methodist need stay away.

The Building Fund Raising Committee which has been working hard for months includes Minot Anderson as Chairman, Arthur Kellev as Secretary, Malcolm Butler, Mrs. Paul Todd, Mrs. Charles Black, Ariel Wood, Mrs. Ariel Wood, Bernard Bacon, Mrs. William Burns, William Stickney, Don Razez, Mrs. John Balch, William Campbell, Ralph Lloyd.

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

(Con'd from back Page)

bers sat here last Wednesday and opposed each other. One said that the rate this year would be \$72, and the other that it would be the same as last year.

Wildwood school is bothering me. Why do we have to appropriate that money, couldn't we borrow it. We aren't going to use up the school in one year, we will be using it for the next 50 years."

This started a long conversation about who had said what, with regard to the \$77000. Lawler pointed out that this item alone would account for \$6 in our tax rate, if it were not borrowed. Lyons said that the chairman of the Finance Committee was the man who said it should come out of the Excess and Deficiency account. Mrs. Drew: "Now look here! You pointed out that if we took it from the E & D we wouldn't have to borrow the money!"

The conversation continued to discuss borrowing capacity. Lyons stated that the Board of Selectmen had asked the Finance Committee for the authority to borrow, as of last year, with the idea that the money would not be borrowed until this year, but that the Finance Committee had turned thumbs down - "Barrows thought we were going too far into debt, at that time."

Lawler: "The best thing is to talk it over with Barrows, and see what we can do."

Lyons: "With \$77000 we would have been close to our total borrowing capacity at that time."

Black: "The sum was \$70,000 at that time" "I think we should have the Town Manager confer with the Counsel and Mr. Dine in the state house, to see what can be done."

Well field

Mrs. Drew wanted to know if the new well field would cost anything on this year's tax rate. She was told that it would make no difference, because the money was to be borrowed.

Black: "Mr. Barrows didn't know a thing about it until he saw a truck coming out of the field - some gall!" "I don't believe Barrows knows yet what the price is to be - he is stepping out of the town meeting at the time it is to be discussed."

Walters: "He stepped out of the Finance Committee meeting, when the price was discussed - Bill Curtin told him 'Get Out!'"

Further discussion brought out that 24 acres of land were involved, some of it cleared, and some of it wooded.

Tax rate

Lawler again brought up the question of the tax rate. "Last year we went into the town meeting and transferred too much - gave us a \$46 tax rate - perhaps a \$50 rate would have been better - we should be in a position for this meeting where we will know something about the finances." He continued "We were supposed to have our budget in December - we really should be able to call the next year's tax rate in December - each year we drag it out - now we

have two weeks to the town meeting, and I don't know what the rate will be this year, within \$10, even if the people should vote as the Finance Committee should recommend."

Turning to Walters, Lawler said: "Have you any idea?" Walters: "Roughly, maybe \$531" Black: "On \$12,000,000?" Walters, "Yes."

TM Salary

Lyons then brought up the last subject of the evening - proposed pay rate for the new town manager, when he is elected. He reported that the Finance Committee had cut the budget on this item to \$6000 and expressed fear that there wouldn't be enough "Dean gets paid at \$6600"

SHERIFF'S SALE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. January 15, 1954 Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of March A.D. 1954 at ten o'clock A.M. at my office, Room 422, 53 Central Street, Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that Donald S. Lamphrey, also known as Donald Lamphrey, Holt's Grove, North Reading, had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on the seventeenth day of September A.D. 1953 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. that being the time when the same was taken on execution in and to the following described real estate to wit:

A certain lot of land with buildings thereon situate in North Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY on land heretofore conveyed by Otis A. Ruggles to John Murphy, now owned by Oscar Hammer, 146 feet; EASTERLY by land of the Holt Heirs, 50 feet; SOUTHERLY by land of one Smith, 146 feet; WESTERLY by Martin's Pond, 50 feet, be any or all of said measurements more or less. Also another parcel of land with the buildings thereon located in said North Reading and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the premises at the shore of said Martin's Pond and at land of Louis W. Drescher now deceased; thence the boundary line runs Southeasterly by said land of Drescher to land formerly of A. H. Holt, now of Joseph D. Gowing, thence Southwesterly by said land of Gowing 50 feet to land formerly owned by Helen E. Smith et als; thence Northwesterly parallel to and 50 feet distance from the Northerly boundary line of the granted premises by land formerly owned by Helen E. Smith et als to the shore of said Martin's Pond; thence by said Martin's Pond Northeasterly to the point of beginning. Being lot 4 as shown on a "Plan of Land in North Reading, surveyed for Helen E. Smith and Helen R. Beebe" March 1913 C. R. Herrick C. E. Being the same premises conveyed to me by Mark H. Knowles and Sarah E. Knowles on December 30, 1939 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 6357, Page 295; by a plan in rec. book 6357 Page 296. Being a certain parcel of land with the building thereon situated in said North Reading being Lot F. on Revised Plan of Lots at Martin's Pond, North Reading surveyed for Louis M. Gowing, by H. Kingman Abbott, C. E. recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds as No. 195 of 1944. Bounded Westerly by Martin's Pond, Southerly by land of North Reading Ice Co. 42/100 feet; Easterly by Travelled Way and by Batchelder Ave., 177.60 feet, Northerly by land of grantor, 90.80 feet, Containing 11,350 square feet more or less. Southwesterly to any existing rights of those persons entitled thereto, if any, to use a part of said Lot F marked Beach on said plan. Also a parcel of land being Lot G. on said plan bounded Northerly and Westerly by Batchelder Ave. and Travelled Way, 144 feet, Southerly by land of North Reading Ice Co. 100 feet, Easterly by land of Asa Gould, 35 feet, to land of M. F. Charles Est. 94 feet. Containing 7,650 square feet more or less. Together with a right of way over said Travelled Way for all purposes for which highways are used. Being a part of the premises conveyed to me by deed dated October 24, 1934 recorded Middlesex South District Deeds Book 5872, Page 357.

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until Feb. 8th - Frank is being paid at the rate of \$5400 - maybe we can get a man for \$6000 but it is figuring awfully close."

Lawler: The Finance Committee said that they would be willing to go over \$6000 if we got a man who was a "hot shot".

Lyons: "How can we talk with prospects, on a promise like that? We have told people that the salary was to be at \$7000."

Walters: "And now we have to tell them \$6000."

Lyons: "How about expenses of the men we interview? When business goes out after a man they pay his expenses both ways!"

Lawler: "Yes, and roll out the carpet too!"

(To Mrs. Sheldon, the clerk): "Are we still receiving applications?" He was told that a few were still coming in. Lawler continued "We can figure that the greatest part have come in. - couldn't we look over some of them, and start sorting them out? - We may find the best men to have gone elsewhere by the time we get going."

Black: "Getting back to what Mr. Lyons spoke of - with commitments and expenditures, it looks as

though we will have \$4000 for 8 months salary for the Town Manager."

Lyons: "If there isn't action soon we will wind up without getting the cream of the crop."

The Selectmen agreed that the three members who were certain to be on the board next week should begin to look over the applications, and with this the meeting broke up.

V.F.W. WHIST TONIGHT

Nee-Ellsworth Post, 2458, VFW will hold its regular whist party tonight, at the clubhouse on Main street.

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ROTARIANS HEAR DOCTOR STEARNS

Dr. Warren Stearns, internationally known psychiatrist of Billerica spoke to the Wilmington Rotary Club, last Wednesday, relating in an offhand manner many of the humorous incidents of his profes-

sion. There was a serious note to the Doctors talk, however as he spoke of the problems of his profession.

"The Children are going to the dog's" That is one of the oldest expressions in history, the Doctor said. Perhaps the first writing ever translated said this. Another very old expression is "Someday I'll write a book about behavior." Actually, the children of this age are no better, nor any worse than they were in the times of the Egyptians. The people of that age, and the people of this age had the same problem—the Bible is full of instances of juvenile delinquency, only in that time the penalty was often more severe—the Book of Deuteronomy often uses the phrase "Surely he shall suffer death."

The other morning some children knocked down some stones, in a wall in back of my home. I suppose I could pay someone \$50 to put the stones back again, but sooner or later they would be knocked down a second time. We have had in Billerica a number of instances of malicious damage by youngsters. Some people would say "More police supervision" However, if a town the size of this one had the number of police that there are in Boston it would still be impossible to stop these actions entirely.

You are all acquainted with the Old Aqueduct, of the Middlesex Canal, on the Billerica-Wilmington line. This property was given to the Billerica Historical society, some years ago. A large number of the stones at the top had fallen down, and the first thing we did was to hire a man to put them back, at a cost of \$500. The

children knocked them down again, and I would say that some of those stones weighed tons!

Greed and lust—common vices of man. They seem to stem from within every one it is really a manifestation of the sex drive.

As a psychiatrist, I was recently called by a justice of one of our courts to examine a number of wealthy men. These men were in hiding, so as to speak, in various private sanatoria. They had all been changed with evading their income taxes, and they all then became sick, in one way or another. It was interesting to talk with them - their wives did not understand them, their children were to blame for things, but they never said anything about their income tax!

Greed and lust is a common thing. I know a little three year old child, a little girl, who was given an apple recently. She was told that she could have the apple after she had performed some little chore "No," she said, "I'll eat the apple first!"

Any child can be trained, but it takes a full time job to do it. I suppose that it is the women of the families that do this, they have a 24 hour job. Let a child cry at night, and the woman of the family will wake up, while the man will continue to sleep, we may say that the women's world is the night-watch.

Here in Massachusetts, about 30 percent of our children live in "broken homes". That is a startling figure. The "broken home child" is not necessarily the juvenile delinquent child though, for I know a family in which there are 10 state children, and it is one of the finest families I know.

Then, we have another 30 percent of the families in which the mother is working, you know how it is \$50 a month for the car, \$10 a for the television, \$10 a month for the washing machine, but here again we have a large group of children without full time care of parents. Mother leaves the key under the doormat, and bread and jam on the table.

These two categories can account for a large percentage of our juvenile delinquents, but there is another category too, the children that learn by imitation. There is a lot of this, indeed it is very hard to prevent it. Just consider, that on any street there is always a certain number of children who are never disciplined, and then these children go out and swagger before the others! A child is naturally imitative.

87 percent of our criminals are under 30 years of age, and most of these are young men and boys. There is only one girl to every twenty, as far as the police records go, in this classification.

Those boys are growing up, and as they approach maturity, it is their nature to swagger and strut. This drive is what gets them into trouble. Boston's schools have had over \$150,000 in damage to broken windows, from boys of this type.

There is one man in Boston who nearly solved the problem. Capt. Donovan, of the Brighton district reasoned that the glass

was broken mostly because the boys saw other broken panes, imitative action. He saw to it that the janitors in the schools replaced the broken glass immediately, and the result was nothing short of a miracle. With no broken windows to attract the boys attention, the incidence of breakage dropped to a remarkable degree! In fact, in three months the Brighton schools had almost eliminated the breakage of windows.

Then the glaziers union heard about it. They went to the School Committee and complained about the janitors doing glaziers work. The school committee obliged the union, by ordering that only their men do the work, and a little delay crept into the situation.

Three months passed, and the city auditor began to complain. "Look!" he said, "No purchase orders!" "What have you done with form 3140?"

So the school committee had to order that form 3140 be used. The teacher would sign the form, send it to the principal. It would lie on his desk for a day or two, and then go to the superintendent of schools. There would be another delay, and then the School Committee would get the order, and sit on it for a week or two. The result was that there were a lot of broken panes of glass that did not get immediate attention, and today the situation in Brighton is just as bad as it ever was.

Adolescence is a change in personality. The boy is starting to become a man. You have to cope with them, it is a primary force of nature which is driving them. The stone tipping, the window breaking is only an outlet. Another form, not so much today as in past years, is the taking down of bars to the cattle pasture. Then these same children would come, later, and help round up the cows, and have a perfectly lovely time while they were doing it.

Adolescents want to play for keeps. They first start using their excess energies by stealing, and in this day they know that the stealing of objects will soon be detected, so they steal cash, from cash registers. I know of a case that occurred not to long ago, in which a boy went into a store, and told the proprietor that he was waiting for his mother, who was going to buy some shirts. When the proprietor went to the back room the boy emptied the cash register, over \$100. He and a companion went to New York on that money, the only trouble was there wasn't enough for the plans they had laid.

Finally society catches up with these boys, and they are taken to court. The Judges know what the problem is, but they, like everyone else are unable to always get the answer. The boy is put on probation. In 85% of the cases that is enough. In the other 15% the boys return, and then its the reformatory or Lyman school.

It is always a question as to whether or not this does any good. The boys may come out all are in association with others, right, and they may not. They some of whom are worse than themselves, and they still have that drive.

Not too long ago, in the Lyman school, a trombone player who had forgotten the key to his case

was unable to play for the boys. This was very disappointing, until someone remembered that a boy in one of the buildings was supposed to be an expert lock-picker, so they sent for him. The boy had graduated, but that really didn't mean anything, for the officials knew that by this time every other boy who had been in that room would know how to pick locks, and one of them did. The boys had their concert.

I remember one time I forgot myself, down near Charlestown state prison. I closed my car, and left the keys in the switch. When I returned I was unable to get into my car, the key was in plain sight, but that did me no good. I went back to the prison office to call the Packard people on the telephone, and one of the officials said, "We can get it open." About half the convicts volunteered, and one of them was chosen. He opened that door just about as quickly as I could, When I had the key.

Not too long ago there was a "Vice Crusade" in one of the towns in Massachusetts and as a result 17 men were picked up, men with disordered attitudes. I was asked to examine these 17 men, in Charlestown, and of the group I was able to recommend that 3 be sent to Norfolk, instead of State's prison. The Norfolk authorities protested that it would do no good, for they argued, it they haven't had habits now, they will surely learn them, Emerson said, and it is true, "The Lord has insured the perpetuation of the species at the expense of social disorder."

When a man is sent to prison, that fact does not relieve any town or city of a problem, because for every man who is sent to prison another is released. It is, in effect, an exchange. Our prison population remains static.

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A.L.A. Barnes himself was a wonder. A forceful Canadian Scotchman, he made animal trainers almost over night.

Speaking of that, the animals which are the easiest trained, and best, are the native wild animals. Those bred in captivity, especially in the cat family - lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars etc. - seem to be more treacherous. Trainers have told me they prefer one right from the jungle.

All animals - with the possible exception of the zebra - respond to kindness. A zebra is the most ornery cuss. Although he will run with a herd when wild he never shows any other sociable qualities except at mating time.

In a circus animals like to be spoken to. To have the cage men call them by name, and talk to them. They like to be noticed. Even a boa constrictor will feel good if the serpent queen strokes his head.

At the same time, there's always an element of danger in petting any wild animal.

Elephants are the wisest. In every circus herd there's always a leader, and not always a bull. Sometimes it's a female. And she will chastise a big elephant with her trunk, knock him about and butt him around if she wants to make him do something.

The leader's always the boss, male or female, and the other elephants all understand it that way.

As an old showman I hate to destroy an illusion, nevertheless I must say that the popular idea that an elephant never forgets is all bunk. There's been one old chestnut told for years - about the elephant in a parade who stuck his trunk through the window of a shoe-maker's shop.

The shoe-maker stuck his awl into the elephant's trunk. Twenty years later that same elephant, in another parade, turned on that same shop and tore it to pieces.

A fine story, but it would never happen in real life. An elephant will forget in 24 hours. They don't remember. Like humans, life is too busy for them.

After leaving Barnum's I joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Somewhere around 1911. He was teamed up with Pawnee Bill at that

time.

Pawnee Bill was Major Gordon W. Lillie, the pioneer and favorite son of Oklahoma. He started in life as a cowboy and ranger. Wound up as an Indian Chief and Bank president.

Before saying anything more about the heads of the show, and while we're still on the subject of trained animals I'm going to relate a little incident bearing on animal mentality.

Buffalo Bill advertised his show as coming not only from the Wild West, but the Far East. He had Cossack riders and European novelties, among them a mixed animal act consisting of a finely trained elephant, horse, pony, and dog. I especially remember this act on account of the dog - a big St. Bernard, very intelligent, and friendly with all of us.

After the early supper he would trot over to the cook tent, and come back with a nice big bone. Many times, not being hungry, he would play with it, smell it, then pick some special place in the arena and bury it, covering it over very carefully.

Next day we might be a hundred miles away.

Mr. Dog would think he'd like a bone. Go over to the cook tent, but couldn't get any. Then he'd remember about yesterday's bone, go back to the arena, smell, dig, and whine about the place where he'd planted it, and wonder why in heck it wasn't there.

He was a fine, intelligent dog, but he never could seem to get the transportation idea through his head.

(Continued next week)

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Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Bees	49	31	30513
Eagles	48	32	30605
Atoms	37	43	30482
Yanks	26	54	30027

HIGH SINGLE:	
A. MacMullin	153
HIGH TRIPLE	
A. MacMullin	341
TEAM HIGH SINGLE	
Eagles	585
TEAM HIGH TRIPLE	
Eagles	1642

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A. MacMullin	97.8
J. Cunningham	91.2
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A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in North Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being Lots 15 in Block F on a plan entitled, "Plan Wilmington Acres, North Wilmington, Mass., Owned and Developed by John D. Cooke, dated December 1946, Merrill A. Brown, C. E.", recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 70, Plan 58, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY - by Oakdale Road, 100 feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY - by Lot 13, Block F, as shown on said plan, 100 feet;

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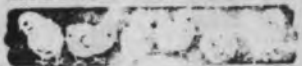
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parently by pellets from an air
rifle, and were broken again, on
Feb. 25th, after the bulbs had
been replaced. The second occa-
sion was noted by several resi-
dents, who called the Wilming-
ton police. Two boys, about 14 to
16, were seen at 2 a.m. on Feb-
ruary 25th, breaking lights on
Wild avenue, Grove avenue, and
Burnap street. They had a flash-
light with a red shield, and were
last seen headed for South
Tewksbury. A search by the po-
lice department was unproduc-
tive. The light bulbs were re-
placed on Feb. 25th by the light
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TOWN REPORTS TO BE READY FRIDAY

Wilmington's Town Reports
will be ready for distribution
Friday, according to the latest
information from the Town
Hall. They may be had at that
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Section 2, the report of the
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The last talk, on April 7th will
co-incide with the annual anniver-
sary Missionary luncheon. The pub-
lic is invited to attend these talks,
and the small fee is the same as

last year.

HUB CAPS STOLEN

Joseph Crisafulli, 396 Frank-
lin street, Melrose reported to the
Wilmington police on Feb 24th
that four hub caps, two rear
skirts and two white wall tires
were stolen from his Cadillac
sedan, while it was parked in
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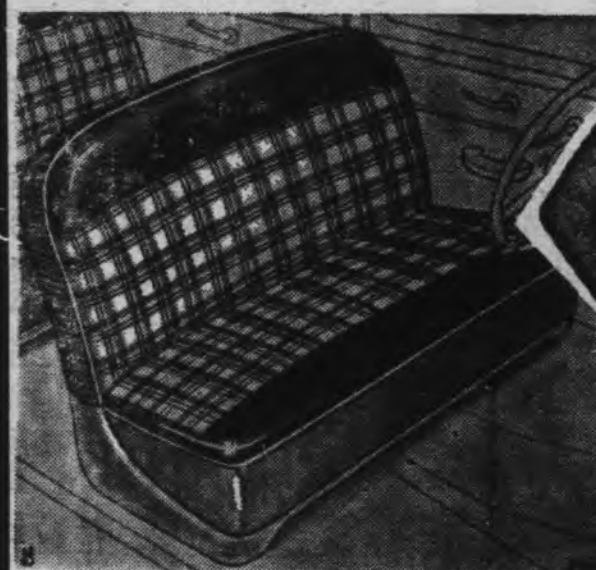
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7.00-16	11.75	13.05	14.70	17.40
7.10-15	10.70	11.85	13.35	15.65
7.50-15	13.05	14.50	16.35	19.35
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

The Church Cabinet will hold its monthly meeting at the parsonage Thursday at 8 p.m.

The World Day of Prayer service for the churches of the Wilmington area will be held at the Wilmington Methodist Church on Friday at 8 p.m., and this year both men and women are invited. There will also be a constant prayer vigil from Thursday midnight of Friday, beginning at the Wilmington Congregational Church at 12:00 to 1:00 a.m. All four churches will be open for prayer throughout the day on Friday.

The Fireside Fellowship and their friends will meet at the parsonage on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., from which place they leave for a Splash Party at the Melrose Y.M.C.A.

The minister will conduct an adult group in the vestry each Sunday afternoon during Lent, at 5:00 p.m. The title of the course

will be "Other Names for Christians", and all who desire to know more about the meaning of the Christian life and of the Church are cordially invited.

The Fellowship Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Guy Nichols next Monday at 8 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at the home of Warren Willis next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The members of the Fireside Fellowship have asked for a morning devotional service during Lent. Meetings will be held in the church sanctuary. This week the service will take place on Ash Wednesday, but hereafter it will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Fellowship of Prayer booklets, with their daily devotional reading, are now available to all on request. The high school group will use "Lenten Devotions for Young People".

WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books have recently been ordered for the Wilmington Public Library

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Brick - The King's Rangers (A historical novel which has had fine reviews)

Churchill - Stemming the tide (A

collection of Sir Winston's speeches, etc.)

Dugan - The great iron ship (The story of the Great Eastern and the oceanic cables)

Earl - Crocodile fever (Mr. Earl tells of his adventures as a crocodile hunter)

Forbes - Rainbow on the road (Es-ther Forbes' new historical novel)

Gardner - Case of the fugitive nurse (Mystery story)

Hagedorn - The Roosevelt family of Sagamore Hill (More about "Teddy" Roosevelt and his family)

Hunt - The conquest of Everest (Currently on the best-seller list)

Michener - Sayonara (Also on the best-seller list - fiction this time)

Seeley - Whistling shadow (Another mystery by an author whose tales are usually very good)

Sharp - Gipsy in the parlour (A new story by the author of "Clun-ny Brown")

Shellabargar - Lord Vanity (This is a best-seller, too)

Thompson - Not as a stranger (A new doctor story, which is having fine reviews)

ASSESSORS VALUATION GOING AHEAD

Wilmington's Board of Assessors, now in charge of Temporary Principal Assessor Ernest B.

Rice, are progressing rapidly in their annual task of evaluating property in the town, according to observers at the Town Hall. The total figures have not yet been completed, and will not be available until all the assessments have been computed. Work remaining is not excessive, according to reports.

Ernest B. Rice, the Temporary Principle Assessor has been transferred to this position from

his regular post of Building Inspector, because of the temporary appointment of Frank Walters as Acting Town Manager. Work has progressed rapidly because of the previous knowledge, by Rice, of the new buildings in Wilmington, erected during the last year.

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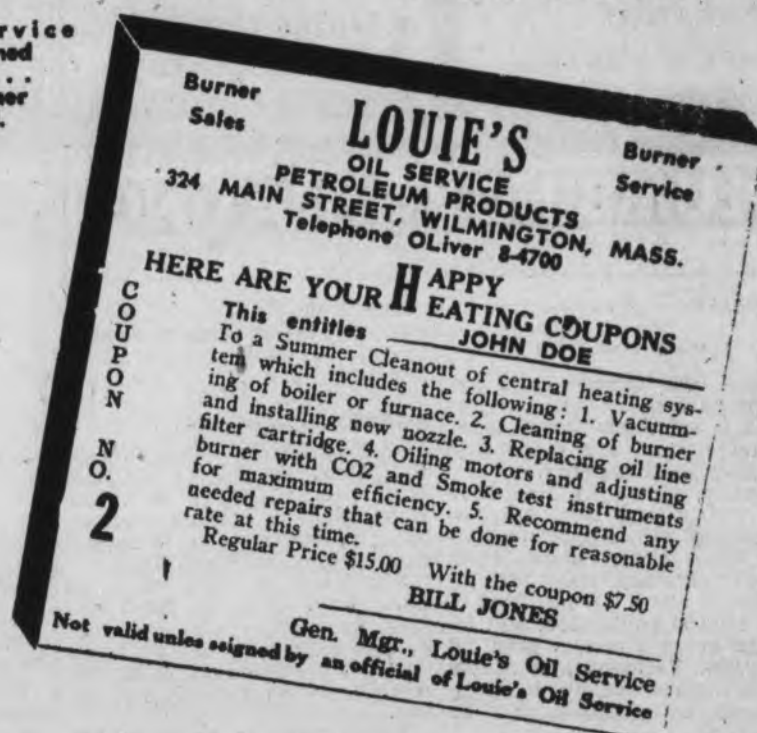
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CONTINUES GOOD

Real estate activity continues to be high, in Wilmington, according to the monthly survey of the Suffolk First Savings and Loan Association of Boston, a fact that is not in accord with other parts of the greater Boston area. There was a sharp drop in January sales, in most of the towns of the area, with the average being computed at 24%.

Wilmington's sales remained good. Wilmington occupied fifth place, in ratio, for towns in its list. Leading was Hull, with a ratio of 9.01 sales per thousand population, and second was Sharon, 8.69. Cohasset

was 7.04, Holbrook 6.74, and Wilmington 6.56, to lead Woburn area. Other towns were Norwell 5.57, Hamilton 4.34, Canton 4.30, Lynfield 4.08 and Wayland 3.87. Median of these smaller towns was 3.06 deeds per 1000 residents.

Locally Burlington had a ratio of 3.50, North Reading 2.04, Woburn 1.92, Stoneham 1.51, Reading 1.22 and Winchester .90. Billerica held second place for towns of over 10,000, with a ratio of 4.14.

Wilmington had 46 transfers of real estate in January, the same number as it had in January of the previous year. During the year 1953 there were a total of 509 transfers, compared to 475 of 1952.

Charles Ross corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Gardiner Ritchie chaplain.

The next meeting is to be held in the Silver Lake Betterment Hall on the first Monday in April.

TWO FINED FOR SPEEDING

John P. Jones, 14 Magnolia street, Arlington, and William E. Wallace, 132 Grove avenue, Wilmington, were each fined \$5.00 in Woburn court, on Feb. 25th, by Judge William Henchey, after they had entered pleas of guilty to speeding charges. Arresting officer was George Shepard of the Wilmington police.

CELEBRATES 12TH
ANNIVERSARY

A birthday cake, with 12 candles, was at the center of the table, in the Silver Lake Betterment Hall, Monday, as the ladies of the Aids to Victory celebrated their 12th anniversary.

Formed during the dark days of World War II, this organization of Wilmington ladies has a continuous record of helping Wilmington boys and girls, in the service of their country. Letters and gifts were sent to all Wilmington service men and women during the war, and the practice has continued since then, and including the Korean war. Letters of thanks, for this year's Christmas gifts, were read from 30 Wilmington service men and women, many of them from Korea, Germany and Japan.

About 30 ladies were present, to help the cake, and see the new officers installed. Gifts were presented to the outgoing officers and to Mrs. Ralph Biggar, past president by Mrs. Leonard Chisholm. Outgoing officers were Mrs. Harold Simes president, Mrs. Fredrick O'Reilly vice president, Mrs. David Martin secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Charles Ross corresponding secretary and Mrs. Gardiner Ritchie, chaplain.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

The undersigned officers of the North Shore Dog Training Club, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Massachusetts, located in town of Wilmington, county of Middlesex, hereby give notice that the corporation by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members legally entitled to vote at a meeting called for the purpose and by articles of amendment executed according to law by the proper officers of the corporation, approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth December 23, 1953, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 155 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), as amended, voted to change its name to Old Colony Obedience Club.

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ashamed of. Our record for instance, is better than the English record, of which we hear so much.

ROBERT H. FULLER

FORT DEVENS, - Sgt. Robert H. Fuller, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller, 43 Grove, Wilmington, is making preparations at Fort Devens, to participate in Exercise Flash Burn.

Scheduled to take place at Fort Bragg, N.C., in April and May, Flash Burn will give more than 60,000 ground and air borne troops experience in using the Army's newest weapons and tactics.

Fuller, who is normally stationed at Fort Devens as a squad leader in Company F of the 278th Regimental Combat Team, has been detailed as part of the enemy aggressor force which will oppose friendly troops during the maneuvers.

The sergeant was last stationed in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division and holds the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Korean and U.N. Service Ribbons. He entered the Army in November 1951.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

Masses: Sunday: 7:00; 8:30; 10:30; 11:30. (At Silver Lake) 8:45; 10:45. Daily 8:00 A.M.; Saturdays: 8 and 9 A.M.

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 2 P.M. at the Rectory.

Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Silver Lake: Saturday at 3:30 P.M.

Because of the fire in our temporary church, all services will be held, for the near future, in the old church, recently called the Parish Hall.

Lenten Announcements:
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a holy day of obligation but, if possible, we should try to attend Mass.)

The Imposition of Ashes will take place after the Masses; after the school sessions - 2:15 and 3:15: at Silver Lake Betterment Hall at 3:15 and in the evening at the Church after the Lenten Devotions which start at 7:45.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Strict Abstinence. No one is allowed to eat meat on Wednesday of this week.

The stations of the Cross will be held every Friday, - in the afternoon at 3:15 and in the evening at 7:45.

The Lenten Devotions during the season will be on Tuesday and Fridays - at 7:45 P.M.

The Lenten Regulations will be published for your information.

First Friday occurs this week.

The Masses will be at 6 and 8 o'clock. Holy Communion also at 7:30. Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart evening at 7:45. Sodality of the Blessed Virgin will meet on Friday at 7:45 P.M. All members are requested to attend.

Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will be held next Saturday. Mass in honor of Our Lady at 9 A.M. Devotions at 7:45 p.m.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of March. It is Communion Sunday for the Blessed Virgin's Sodality and for all the Women of the Parish.

The Time during which every Catholic is required to make the Easter Duty starts next Sunday and ends on Trinity Sunday.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of an Alter Covering for the main altar.

Our Annual Green Whist will take place Two weeks from Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's day in St. Thomas Hall. Mrs. Kelley's Committee invites your personal cooperation to help our Parish Building Fund. Excellent prizes and refreshments are planned.

Election Day in the Town of Wilmington is Next Saturday,

HUB CAPS STOLEN

Four hubcaps were stolen from a Studebaker sedan, owned by Frank Thibodeau 360 Main street, while the car was parked in his yard, last week. The report was given to the police on Feb. 25th.

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HERE AND THERE

OL. 8-2863

with Phyllis

Sir Stork, sighted flying over Wilmington (some mistook him for flying saucers, others thought he was on a survey flight) was really bent on business as we are about to show with some recent birth statistics. The rash of twins indicates that Sir Stork must have been attending school committee meetings. Better get that wing on the high school, men. In fact, if things continue at this rate, better put two wings on.

First call was to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Downs of 146 Lowell street. A baby daughter, Cynthia Jean, weighing 10 lbs. and 5 oz. arrived February 15 at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Woburn. Mrs. Downs is the former Helen Ellsworth. This is their first child.

Next stop was to deliver twin girls to Mr. and Mrs. George Hammond of Medford. Mrs. Hammond is the former Lucille Vigeant of Wilmington. The twins weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz. respectively. The Hammonds have two boys.

On February 23rd at Choate Memorial Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Pleasant road, North Wilmington, became the proud parents of a baby boy, Stephen Douglas Moore. The Moore's have one other son and a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Whalen, Jr. of Main street, announce the birth of a son, their first child, born Sunday, February 28 at Malden Hospital. Mrs. Whalen is the former Shirley Anstey.

Welcoming twin daughters into the family on February 25th at Lowell General Hospital are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Waller of Main street. The babies weighed 6 lbs. and 7 lbs. 4 oz. The Wallers have a daughter, Elyse and a son, Richard. Mrs. Waller is the Welcome Wagon Hostess for Wilmington. Lauren and Lauren, are the first twins on either the paternal or the maternal

side of the family, and also have the honor of being the largest twins to be born recently in the Lowell General Hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the Couples Club of the Congregational Church was held Sunday night, February 28th in the Vestry of the church. President Charles Peterson presided over the meeting. Guest speaker was William Widger of Fairview avenue, a meteorologist, who gave an interesting talk on weather. Social activities for the coming year were announced at the meeting and include cook-outs, bowling, a dance, outings, a progressive supper, and similar events.

A St. Patrick's Day party is planned for March 20th and will be held at the Congregational Church. The Couple's Club invites new members and newcomers to Wilmington to the party. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant program of entertainment is planned.

Wilmington Hall Corp. held a whist party at the home of Margaret Coleman of Wild street on February 17th. Door prize was won by Rose Cameron. Other prize winners were Bea Miller, Grace Brabant, Roland Desharnais, Cleo O'Brien, Georgine Wells, Alida Brabant, Rose Cameron, May Magnusson, Helen Miller, D. Hanevict, H. Gablinski, Nellie Briggs, Alice Krochmal, Jeannette Rocco, Ann Whitkum and Anthony Rocco.

The P of H Club held a meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Jenny Perkins on South street, Tewksbury. Ten members were present. The waist measure added \$3 to the club treasury. The next meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Calnan of Wild street on March 11th. A whist party will follow the business meeting with prizes to be donated by club members.

Laurie McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCabe of Woburn street, celebrated her eighth birthday with a party on February 26th. Those attending were the Misses Patty Fiske, Elaine Richards, Eleanor Young, Barbara Beddoes, Debbie Newell, Elaine LaRivee and Ellen Rice. Following an afternoon of games and refreshments, the girls enjoyed a round of pony rides.

The Mardi Gras Jamboree held in the H. S. cafeteria Friday night, and sponsored by the Mother's Club of the Walker School, was a huge success with a wonderful time had by all. Mrs. Arthur Pearson, club president, announces that the Fashion Show to be held at the Walker School on March 17th will feature Easter Styles for children with Weinberg's Dept. Store providing the fashions. The public is invited.

Members of the Wilmington Grange will be guests of the Concord and North Reading Granges tonight, March 3rd. The next meeting of the Wilmington Grange will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, when the Middlesex Pomona Grange will fill the chairs and provide the program.

Girl Scout Troop 103 spent an enjoyable afternoon touring the Hood's milk bottling and processing plant in Charlestown last Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Tex Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkell supervised the tour. Those attending were Amanda Brabant, Evelyn Pearson, Eileen Cotter, Mercedes Strow, Joyce Barnaby, Jeannette Letteri, Joann Hancock and Betty Kirkell. Troop 103 is currently making stocking dolls which they will present to little girl patients at the North Reading Sanitarium.

The regular meeting of the Wilmington Grange, held February 24, was presided over by Master Clarissa Bushey. Ellen Coles was elected lecturer and Grace Cole was elected Chaplain to fill out unexpired terms. Mass. State Grange Deputy Joshua Hennigar of Saugus was escorted to the Master Station. Other guests were from the Saugus Grange. A Penny Sale was held and refreshments were served.

On March 6, the Catholic Daughters State Court will hold a bridge and whist party in Boston. Mrs. Herm Devine will be chairman of the novelty and food table. Those wishing to donate articles of food for the table are asked to call OL 8-2627. Tickets may be obtained by calling Grand Regent, Mrs. Mae Quandt, OL 8-2442.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Helwig of Salem street invited friends and neighbors to their home last Friday night to meet Haywood Bliss, candidate for Selectman and Joe Slater, candidate for school committee. An informal discussion period of questions and answers on the issue affecting town government and our school system was followed by the serving of refreshments.

The Wilmington-Tewksbury Hebrew School sponsored another successful bridge party at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Jacobs of Salem street. Those interested in joining the classes or adding their names to the growing list of sponsors may do so by calling any one of the following: Mrs. Herbert Silverman, OL 8-3494; Mrs. Louis Razin, OL 8-2010; or Mrs. Ida Ford, OL 8-2650.

The next meeting of the PTA will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in the H. S. cafeteria. An interesting program is planned and will feature a talk by Dr. Jacob G. Mark on Opportunities in Science and New Horizons in Chemistry. Dr. Mark is an authority on his subject and served with the U. S. Government during the war visiting European industries to study advances in chemistry abroad. Science teachers and their students are invited to attend this interesting PTA meeting as the opportunities in science will be of special interest to our young people. PTA President Fred Corum urges all parents and members to turn out for this meeting. PTA enrollment in Wilmington is close to 400 members. Your active participation in the PTA is essential to its success. It is also hoped that a large number of teachers will be on hand.

The annual Green Whist for the benefit of St. Thomas parish will be held on March 17 at 8:15 in the H. S. cafeteria. Father John Regan is General Chairman and Mrs. James Kelley of Shawsheen avenue is Chairman, assisted by a large committee. As in past years, wonderful prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

Miss Theresa Wagner, arrived here from Germany on Saturday and was met by her fiancé, Robert Woods, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woods of Beacon street. Miss Wagner will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Glen road until her marriage to Robert sometime this spring. The young couple met in Germany while Robert was serving there with the U. S. Army. Miss Wagner speaks English fluently, and is already enthusiastic about America and Wilmington in particular. From all reports she herself is an attractive addition to the Wilmington scene. The couple plan to make their home in Wilmington, where Robert is a member of the Fire Department.

The many friends of Mrs. Leon J. Waters of Federal street, will be happy to hear that she has been discharged from Winchester Hospital, where she was confined for six weeks following a major operation. Mrs. Waters is now recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sibley, 11 Holland road, Melrose.

CAPACITY CROWD AT SKATING CLUB SUPPER

There was a capacity crowd, last Saturday, at the bean supper of the Wilmington Skating Club, held in the clubhouse, on

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Mrs. Jack M. Tuell

Mr. John Murphy, candidate for the Tewksbury School Committee, came within two votes of equalling those cast for the incumbent, Ralph Battles. Mr. Murphy carried his own precinct, of South Tewksbury, by a good margin, but lost out in the other precincts, in town. There will be a recount of votes, since the margin was so small.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church, went on a field trip, last Friday. Included in their trip were visits to the Hattie B. Cooper Community Center, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, of the Methodist Church, which is situated in Roxbury; a visit to Boston University School of Theology, where the young people attended the daily chapel service; a trip through Morgan Memorial and Church of all Nations; a visit to the office of Bishop John Wesley Lord, resident Bishop of the Boston Area of the Methodist Church; a quick visit to Trinity Church, in Copley Square, another to the Christian Science Building; to the State House, where the young people talked with a Senator, saw the office of the Governor, and visited the Governor's council chamber. About thirteen members of the youth Fellowship and Rev. Tuell went on the trip.

A reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Hiram West, by Mrs. West's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Dewan, at Mrs. Dewan's home, on McLaren Road. Friends and relatives were present from Chelsea,

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Jack Bailey has been set to emcee Ralph Edwards' "Truth or Consequences" show on television. Ralph is already too busy with his radio version of the show, a long-time U.S. favorite, and with his video "This is Your Life" program.

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Who am I opposing? Well—there are two other candidates that I think shouldn't even have their names on the ballots. These two men are on the building committee of the Wildwood School, the biggest building program that the town has ever voted—\$500,000 at one time! There men stood up in town meeting and asked the town to spend that money. They promised to handle the building of this school carefully and faithfully.

Now that they are halfway through with this job, they propose to drop it, and expect the people of this town to reward them for a job half done, by electing them Selectmen! The school was supposed to be ready a year ago, but due to their inexperience, at least in part, we had to have several town meetings, just to get the school voted!

At the present time the school is behind its construction schedule. It is supposed to be finished by the first of April, but we will be lucky to have it by the first of September. Yet these men say, "Elect me to the Board of Selectmen, and we will have somebody else finish the school, and wind up all the red tape!"

Do these men realize that they have a job to do? A job which they will be unable to finish, if they become selectmen, because no selectman can be on a building committee? HAVE THEY NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY?

It will take at least one more year before the problems of this school are settled. These men, having made the decision, expect that someone else will be able to answer the questions, which will be asked by the auditors, and the state! HOW MUCH NONSENSE ARE WE EXPECTED TO SWALLOW?

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Planning for the World Day of Prayer services, recently, were Mrs. Richard Harding, chairman, Mrs. William G. Mann, Mrs. Ernest L. Littlewood, Mrs. G. E. Harmon, Mrs. Stanley Cummings, and Mrs. Jack M. Tuell. Unable to attend the meeting were Mrs. A. H. Wood, of the Wilmington Methodist Church, and Mrs. Edward L. Brabant, of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church. Plans made at the meeting included, the twenty-four hour prayer vigil, which will be kept by the women of the four participating churches, the general Worship service, which will take place on Friday evening, at 8:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Methodist Church, with both men and women being invited, and the Children's Service, which take place in the various churches, on Sunday morning. The World Day of Prayer is a project of the World Council of Church Women, and is celebrated around the world on the first Friday in Lent.

It has been announced by Mr. Lawrence R. McGowan, Principal of the Tewksbury High School, that a South Tewksbury girl will be the Valedictorian of the Senior Class. The honor goes to Shirley O'Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O'Connell, of South Street.

The Fellowship of the Methodist Church had as their speaker, last Sunday evening, Mr. Frank Gustafson, of Lowell. Gustafson gave a demonstration, on an electrical device, of Braille.

Participating in a program of Sixty Singin' Minutes, were the two

choirs of the South Tewksbury Methodist Church, plus some of the soloists in the senior choir. Included in the program were several numbers sung by the congregation, numbers by the two choirs separately, and combined, and solos by Mrs. Ralph Peters, Mrs. Richard Goss, Don Tobey, and Jack Tuell. Mrs. Ruth Dewan is the Organist Director of the Senior Choir, and Mrs. Jack Tuell is the Director of the Junior choir, while Judy Palmer plays the piano for the younger group.

St. Mary's Chapel will hold Confessions on Saturday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Masses will be said on Sunday at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The bus for CYO will leave from Vernon street and the Chapel at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The South Tewksbury Methodist Church Commission on Finance will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Palmer, 33 Mystic Avenue, on Thursday Evening. The church will be open all day Friday, for anyone wanting to come in, on the World Day of Prayer. Choir rehearsal will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and the World Friendship Group will meet at Judy Palmer's at 7:30 p.m. Worship services will be held on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with church school at 9:45 a.m. Junior Fellowship will meet at 3:15 p.m. and the Methodist Youth Fellowship will gather at 2:30 p.m. to go on a "Mystery Ride". Evening service at 7:00 p.m. Followed by the Lantern Club at 8:30 p.m. The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet on Tuesday evening, at 8:00 p.m.

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THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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Charlestown and Somerville, that have much more traffic than we do!"

Mrs. Drew was concerned about Warren & Wightman roads, and pointed out that a small section in Tewksbury was not accepted because the Wilmington portion could not be accepted. She understood that the releases were all in. Walters said that according to the information he had been given this was not so.

Information received by the selectmen, from the Finance Committee was discussed, to the effect that the Finance Committee had approved only \$8,000 for streets to be accepted. The total for those streets that the selectmen laid out was \$9,500, and including those pro-

visionally laid out, \$14,800.

Non-Support case

The selectmen signed a petition to the Probate Court, to enforce the support of certain minor children, by a man now out in Wisconsin. This was possible because of a new law, which will allow a Probate Court in Wisconsin to enforce an order of a local Probate Court. Formerly a man could evade supporting minor children by moving to another state. This was the first time that the Selectmen had made such a petition, under the new law.

Welfare Car

The conversation turned to the proposed purchase of a new car for the Welfare department. Black wanted to know what proportion of the cost for the old car had been borne by the Federal government. Walters reported that it had been purchased in 1949, and that the Federal government had reimbursed the town for about 45% in 1950. Black then wanted to know about expenses, and Walters reported that here the Federal government was paying 45%, and other agencies were contributing, so that the cost to the town was about 10%.

Black: "Why couldn't Buckie give that to the auditor?"

Walters: "He wouldn't do it"

Black: "I would assume that the Accountant could get that kind of information" Referring again to the situation he said "I think that man has a lot of crust -- the Town Accountant is entitled to some figures!" He went on to comment that the Finance Committee had turned down a second cruiser for the police department, and that it might have been better if they had turned down the car for the Welfare Department.

Sewerage Legislation

Walters read briefly a letter from Clarence I. Sterling, Chief

Sanitary Engineer for the State Board of Health. Sterling reported that House Bill 2250 was to be heard in a hearing, in room 207, in the State House, at 10 a.m. March 3rd. This was the enabling act which would allow the citizens of Wilmington to vote themselves into the North Metropolitan District Commission, for sewerage purposes.

Walters pointed out that passage of this bill would not commit the town, but would put it in a position where the people could vote the town into the district when they saw fit—"maybe four or five years from now". Lawler added that "When we do we will automatically set the rate" (He was referring to the fact that costs are prorated as of valuation at the time the legislation is accepted by the town).

Mrs. Drew: "Don't have to pay anything now?" Walters: "I made sure".

Town Clock

Walters reported that representatives of a firm known as Howard Products Inc. had been in to see him. They had a copy of a letter which had been previously sent to Cushing, some time ago. Walters read from the letter a report about the town clock, which has not been in operating condition for several years.

According to the report the present "works" of the clock are obsolete, and the company that made the clock went out of business 40 years ago. The report recommended a complete new movement. A 110 volt AC electric movement, without strikers would cost about \$1,500 it was estimated, and with strikers the cost would be \$2,600. The report also stated that for about \$325 the old movement could be repaired, but that there would be no guarantee.

Lawler enquired if there were any other companies that might be interested "or do these people have a monopoly?"

Budget breakdown

Lawler wanted to know if there had been a "breakdown" of the budget. He didn't want to keep harping on the subject he said, but he thought that the selectmen and finance committeemen were entitled to this. Lawler pointed out that if the members of the finance committee recommended a cut in any budget, it would be well to know just where the cut was to be made. "We could then keep a detailed budget, and not get into the mess we were in at the end of last

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year!"
Lyons: "This was all discussed with Dean, and the board voted that such a system was to be maintained. For instance, if the Town Manager had in his budget money for two cabinets, and he found that for another \$10 he could get a third one, he was not to buy it, just because it was a bargain. He was to

see that selectmen and the finance committee first, and get their approval" — "We have had criticism because we didn't do this".

Lawler: (to Walters) "My opinion is that you had better get the work-sheets into shape, before the town meeting — then we can know where we stand".

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THE SELETMEN'S MEETING

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Taxi Licenses

A license to operate a taxi, on state property outside of Wilmington was granted to Joseph McManus of Central street. At the same time the selectmen voted to have all taxi licenses examined, to make sure that the operators were complying with insurance laws.

Fire Truck account

Walters reported that there was \$6548.01 in the fire truck account, and that the bill from the Maxim company now stood at \$6500, leaving a balance of \$48.01. Black noted that the Crusader had reported that the truck was fully equipped, but that he understood that this did not include fire hose. He then asked Walters why the La France had not been taken in trade, and Walters ventured the opinion that the La France was probably worthless, in the eyes of the Maxim company.

Walters also reported a conversation with Percy Charnock, of the New England Fire Bureau rating, in which Charnock had stated that he had received a letter from Cushing, asking for a new survey of the town, for insurance purposes. Walters was unable to find out when the survey would be made "a great many other towns to be done, too".

Maple Meadow school

Walters reported that Anton Thiel, school maintenance man had expressed a hope that the Maple Meadow school might be turned over to him, for a workshop, because of the limitations of the North school. Mrs. Drew pointed out that she believed that the Roman barn would become available, after the new addition to the high school would have become available.

Ambulance

Walters reported that the old ambulance had been returned to the town by Gildart's garage, in running condition. The upholstery for the attendant's chair had yet to be repaired, he stated, and he had also made an agreement with Gildart whereby a step would be

installed, on the rear bumper, to help men who were taking a stretcher out, or putting one in the ambulance. The idea had come from a similar step in the ambulance that had been borrowed from the Meteor Ambulance Co. of Lynn.

The Meteor people wanted their ambulance back because the town was using their plates, Walters reported, and they needed the plates. "I think we should send a letter to those people — we used their ambulance an awful lot".

Hopkins street lake

Lawler wanted to know if there were any developments about the flooded condition which sometimes occurs at the corner of Hopkins street and Shawheen avenue. Walters reported that there would probably be developments with the next heavy rainstorm. He then went on to report that the Superintendent of Streets had gone up there, to dig a drain, and had been ordered to stop by the police. Walters said that he had believed this could be done, on a basis of common law, and that town authorities would have a right to go on private land in such an instance. (The police apparently stopped the Highway Superintendent because of a complaint from a private landowner.)

Walters then reported that the Town Counsel had advised him of two laws which would allow the town to drain this section, as had been proposed. He was going to confer with the Chief of Police about it.

Unpaid bills

Black wanted to know about unpaid bills "How much is the amount? I have not been able to get an answer. I understand now that there is a bill for about \$3000 for work on the junior high school boilers last summer (Mrs. Drew understood that it was \$3300) I understand" Black continued "that the contract was made with the understanding that the bill was not to be submitted until 1954 — This seems to be another of these deals like the \$800 bill at the Mildred Rogers school."

Lawler had a few words to say too, somewhat caustic words. He pointed out that the heads of departments are supposed to list all unpaid bills on January First of each year.

Black: "Those two bills amount to somewhere near \$5000. It would seem that we will have the money come out of the unpaid bills account, of the school maintenance account for 1954".

Mrs. Drew: "What about that extra \$9000 in the school maintenance account?"

Walters: "I understand that it is for two janitors at the Wildwood school."

Lawler: "Two janitors? Lot of janitors for one school, and lot of money for two janitors?" "What about the bill for \$800?"

Walters: "It was approved in January."

Lawler: "Comes out of 1954 funds?"

Walters: "Yes"

Tax rate discussion

Woods then observed that he had heard people say that the tax rate was going to be \$62. He wanted to know where they got the idea. Lyons pointed out that the Finance Committee often talks about high tax rates, before town meeting, to frighten the people into voting down appropriations.

Woods: "The Finance Committee doesn't know. Two of their mem-

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TOWN ELECTION SATURDAY

Saturday, in the high school cafeteria, the annual election of Wilmington's town officers will be held. Voting will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Six candidates are on the ballot, for the two open posts on the Board of Selectmen, three year terms, four are on the ballots for the two three year terms on the School Committee, and two on the ballots for the one year term as Moderator. In the remaining post to be filled, an unexpired term on the Wilmington Housing Authority, James Pipes is running unopposed.

All the candidates have united in urging the citizens to exercise their rights, and to cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice.

In the race for Selectmen the voters have their choice from six candidates, Charles H. Black, 84 Church street; E. Hayward Bliss, 28 Glen road; Nicholas L. Defelice, Commonwealth avenue; James G. Duggan, Park street; Francis John Haggerty, Hathaway road; and Larz Neilson, 47 High Street. Candidates for School Committee are Ernest M. Crispo, Hopkins street; John F. Hartnett, 111 Woburn street; Grenfall K. Bickford, 6 Truman road; and John Joseph Slater 28 Grove avenue.

No one is making any predictions on the outcome of these races, nor are any made on the race for Moderator. Observers say that the last mentioned race is just about "50-50". Contestants are Ralph R. Currier, 48 Boutwell street, and Simon Cutter, 43 Church street.

BARROWS BLAMES CUSHING

Herbert C. Barrows, chairman of the Wilmington Finance Committee, speaking last night, at the Baldwin Civic Association meeting, placed the blame for the town's present financial condition squarely on the shoulders of Dean C. Cushing, past Town Manager. In a talk which lasted one hour and a quarter, Barrows referred time and time again to the present uncertainties, and by his talk there was not a shadow of a doubt who he considered responsible, although he never mentioned Cushing's name.

The only time that Cushing's name was mentioned was when Chief Paul J. Lynch asked a question about the account for the Police and Fire Station. Barrows had just stated that the Finance Com-

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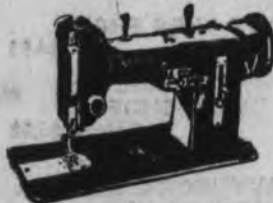
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mittee had recommended \$1000 for this account, and that they couldn't get any figures on which to base any estimate. Lynch then arose and questioned this amount, saying that "I have already had bills come to me, this year, on this account, signed by Dean Cushing, which exceeds \$1500!" Barrows, to this replied "You see what I mean — everytime we turn around another old bill comes out of a desk drawer somewhere — everytime he reaches in his coat pocket he finds another bill dating back to last August or something!"

Barrows stated that the Finance Committee had been very much delayed, in their proceedings. "We waited four weeks for the budget — it was supposed to be ready Dec. 20th, and we did not get it until Jan. 19th — and then it was simply lump sums by departments — we had to wait another two weeks for detailed information — we didn't get it all, either — since then we have been meeting two or three nights a week — our report is in the hands of the printers, and should be ready by next Friday."

The criticisms by Mr. Barrows were delivered in a considered tone. Among other items he stated that

the Finance Committee, last year, had recommended a \$50 tax rate. He criticized the \$46 rate, saying that the reduction, last year should have stopped at \$50.

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